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Addendum

MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE

1. As indicated in the Executive Secretary's notification of 8 May 1996 to permanent missions regarding the second session of the Conference of the Parties, a ministerial round table will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, 17 July 1996, the first day of the ministerial segment of the Conference. The following arrangements for the round table have been determined after consultations with the Bureau of the COP, the President-designate and the invited Chairperson.

Purpose

2. The purpose of this round table will be to give ministers an opportunity for informal interaction on political issues arising from the agenda of the Conference. The informality of this exchange is intended to distinguish the round table from the formal policy statements that may be made by ministers during the debate on item 5 of the Conference agenda and from any negotiations or consultations in which ministers may need to engage to conclude the official business of the session.

3. The round table will not adopt any formal conclusions. The Chairperson of the round table will report to the Conference at the beginning of the plenary meeting on Thursday, 18 July 1996, to share her personal impressions of the main trends of the discussion in the round table.

Chairperson

4. The President-designate, Mr. Chen Chimutengwende, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Zimbabwe, has invited Ms. Ruth Dreifuss, Swiss Federal Councillor and Minister of the Environment, to chair the round table.

5. The Chairperson may invite a few ministers to lead off the discussion on different points. She will endeavour to maintain the informality of the discussion and, to this end, limit the duration of interventions.

Participation

6. In keeping with the informality of the occasion, the round table will be held in a specially-arranged conference room and access will be limited to **heads of delegation of ministerial rank**, each accompanied by one or two members of their delegations. Executive heads and chairpersons of partner organizations invited to speak at the opening of the Conference will also be invited to attend the round table as observers and to be available as resource persons who may be called upon by the Chairperson to contribute to the discussion on specific topics. The Convention secretariat will be in attendance. No other delegates or observers at the Conference, or members of the press, will be invited.

7. Special badges will be issued to give access to the round table. The round table will be followed by a reception given by the President of the Conference and the Executive Secretary for all participants in the Conference.

Topics

8. The round table will address the general theme:

"Climate change: new scientific findings and opportunities for action"

which could be developed around the following points and questions:

(a) The Second Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) contains important new findings, further reducing scientific uncertainties regarding climate change, its causes, its impacts and possible response options.

Taking into account the precautionary principle embodied in Article 3.3 of the Convention, does the IPCC Second Assessment Report provide Ministers with added justification for political action to address climate change? How can it be used to better focus and advance global, regional and national strategies and programmes?

(b) The review and synthesis of national communications of Annex I Parties indicate that several of these Parties may have difficulty in meeting the aim of returning their greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000, although some of these Parties still consider this aim to be within their reach. Non-Annex I Parties are preparing to submit their initial national communications, in pursuit of their commitments.

What action by Ministers is needed to reaffirm the credibility of the existing commitments of Annex I Parties? What needs to be done to encourage and facilitate the advancement of existing commitments by non-Annex I Parties, in particular with regard to the transfer of, or access to, environmentally-sound technologies and the provision of financial resources?

(c) The process towards strengthening the commitments of Annex I Parties (the Berlin Mandate) has generated a number of options concerning approaches to a protocol or another legal instrument, including policies and measures and quantified emission limitation and reduction objectives.

What action by Ministers is needed to give a new impulse to the negotiating phase of the Berlin Mandate process, so that the outlines of a protocol or other legal instrument may start to emerge at AGBM 5 in December 1996?

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FCCC/CP/1996/7 and Add.1	Financial performance of UNFCCC: contributions and expenditures in 1996, and forecast for the biennium 1996-1997	8 (b)

FCCC/CP/1996/8	Financial mechanism: report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties	6 (b)
FCCC/CP/1996/9	Financial mechanism: draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility. Annex on the determination of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention	6 (b)
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FCCC/CP/1996/12	Commitments in Article 4. Second compilation and synthesis of first national communications from Annex I Parties: executive summary	5 (a)
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FCCC/AGBM/1996/MISC.2 and Add.1	Implementation of the Berlin Mandate: proposals from Parties	3 and 5

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FCCC/SBSTA/1996/4/Add.2	Initial report on an inventory and assessment of technologies to mitigate and adapt to climate change: additions to the technology inventory database	6
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FCCC/CP/1996/5/Add.1 FCCC/SBSTA/1996/7/Add.1/Rev.1	Consideration of the Second Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The science of climate change: contribution of Working Group I of the IPCC	3
FCCC/CP/1996/5/Add.2	Consideration of the Second Assessment Report	3

FCCC/SBSTA/1996/7/Add.2/Rev.1	of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Scientific-technical analyses of impacts, adaptations, and mitigation of climate change: contribution of Working Group II of the IPCC	
FCCC/CP/1996/5/Add.3 FCCC/SBSTA/1996/7/Add.3/Rev.1	Consideration of the Second Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The economic and social dimensions of climate change: contribution of Working Group III of the IPCC	3
FCCC/SBSTA/1996/9	Communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention: guidelines, schedule and process for consideration. Possible revisions to the guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention	4 (a)
FCCC/SBSTA/1996/9/Add.1	Communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention: guidelines, schedule and process for consideration. Possible revisions to the guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention: methodological issues	4(a)
FCCC/SBSTA/1996/9/Add.2	Communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention: guidelines, schedule and process for consideration. Detailed information on electricity trade and international bunker fuels	4 (a)
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FCCC/CP/1996/10 FCCC/SBSTA/1996/12	Consideration of the Second Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. IPCC Second Assessment synthesis of scientific-technical information relevant to interpreting Article 2 of the UNFCCC and summaries for policymakers of Working Groups I, II, and III of the IPCC	3

FCCC/SBSTA/1996/MISC.2	Workshop on consultative mechanisms for non-governmental organization inputs to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change: views of non-governmental organizations	7
FCCC/SBSTA/1996/MISC.3	Establishment of intergovernmental technical advisory panel(s). Comments from Parties: positions of the Group of 77 and China, and of the United States of America	
FCCC/SBSTA/1996/MISC.4 and Add.1	Consideration of the Second Assessment Report of the IPCC. Research and observation issues. National communications. Establishment of a roster of experts. Development and transfer of technologies. Comments from Parties	3, 4, 6, 8 (a) and 8 (b)

Documents prepared for the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

FCCC/CP/1996/1	Provisional agenda and annotations, including suggestions for the organization of work	2 (a) and 2 (c)
FCCC/SBI/1996/10	Secretariat activities relating to technical and financial support to Parties	4 (b)
FCCC/SBI/1996/11	Review of the programme of work, 1996-1997	8

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FCCC/CP/1996/1	Provisional agenda and annotations, including suggestions for the organization of work	2
FCCC/AG13/1996/1	Questionnaire on the establishment of a multilateral consultative process under Article 13: synthesis of responses	4 (b)
FCCC/AG13/1996/MISC.1 and Add.1	Responses to questionnaire relating to the establishment of a multilateral consultative process: submissions by Parties and non-parties	4 (b)
FCCC/AG13/1996/MISC.2 and Add.1	Responses to questionnaire relating to the establishment of a multilateral consultative process: submissions by intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies	4 (b)

Other documents for the Conference of the Parties

FCCC/CP/1995/7 and Corr.1 (French) and Corr.2 (Spanish)	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its first session, held at Berlin from 28 March to 7 April 1995. Part one: Proceedings	
FCCC/CP/1995/7/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its first session, held at Berlin from 28 March to 7 April 1995. Part two: Action taken by the Conference of the Parties at its first session	
FCCC/AGBM/1995/2 and Corr.1	Report of the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate on the work of its first session, held at Geneva from 21 to 25 August 1995	5 (b)
FCCC/AGBM/1995/7	Report of the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate on the work of its second session, held at Geneva from 30 October to 3 November 1995	5 (b)
FCCC/AGBM/1996/5	Report of the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate on the work of its third session, held at Geneva from 5 to 8 March 1996	5 (b)
FCCC/AGBM/1995/MISC.1 and Add.1-4	Implementation of the Berlin Mandate: comments from Parties	5 (b)
FCCC/AGBM/1996/MISC.1	Implementation of the Berlin Mandate: comments from Parties	5 (b)
FCCC/SBSTA/1995/3	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on the work of its first session, held at Geneva from 28 August to 1 September 1995	7 (a)
FCCC/SBSTA/1996/8	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on the work of its second session, held at Geneva from 27 February to 4 March 1996	7 (a)
FCCC/SBI/1995/5 and Corr.1	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on the work of its first session, held at Geneva on 31 August 1995	7 (b)
FCCC/SBI/1996/9	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on the work of its second session, held at Geneva from 27 February to 8 March 1996	7 (b)
FCCC/AG13/1995/2	Report of the Ad Hoc Group on Article 13 on the work of its first session, held at Geneva from 30 to 31 October 1995	7 (c)

Other documents for the subsidiary bodies

FCCC/SB/1996/Misc.1/Add.1	National communications: Approach paper by the Group of 77 and China on recommendations on guidelines and format for preparation of initial communications from non-Annex I Parties
A/AC.237/L.23	Review of the adequacy of commitments in Article 4, paras. 2(a) and (b): letter dated 20 September 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations in New York to the Executive Secretary of the interim secretariat, transmitting a draft protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction
A/AC.237/L.23/Add.1[1/]	Review of the adequacy of commitments in Article 4, paras. 2(a) and (b): letter dated 22 September 1994 from the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany to the Executive Secretary of the interim secretariat, transmitting proposals for further elements of a protocol to the Convention

Other documents available for reference purposes[2/]

TD/B/WG.5/6	Review of the work of the United Nations system and selected organizations dealing with investment-related technology issues
FCCC/CP/1995/MISC.2	A review of selected non-compliance, dispute resolution and implementation review procedures
A/AC.237/55	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its ninth session held at Geneva from 7 to 18 February 1994.

Executive summaries of national communications, as follows:

A/AC.237/NC/1	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
A/AC.237/NC/2	Canada

1/ This document should be considered in the light of the statement by Germany (see FCCC/AGBM/1995/MISC.1/Add.1,p.30) on consistency with decision 1/CP.1 (the Berlin Mandate).

2/. The full reports of the national communications of the executive summaries listed below were submitted to the secretariat, and where 500 copies were received, have been distributed to the Parties.

A/AC.237/NC/3	Denmark
A/AC.237/NC/4	Australia
A/AC.237/NC/6	Sweden
A/AC.237/NC/7	Japan
A/AC.237/NC/9 and Corr.1	Switzerland
A/AC.237/NC/11	Norway
A/AC.237/NC/13	Germany
A/AC.237/NC/14	Spain
FCCC/NC/1	Netherlands
FCCC/NC/2	New Zealand
FCCC/NC/3	Austria
FCCC/NC/4	Ireland
FCCC/NC/5	Hungary
FCCC/NC/6	Portugal
FCCC/NC/7	United States of America
FCCC/NC/8	Finland
FCCC/NC/9	Czech Republic
FCCC/NC/10	Italy
FCCC/NC/11	France
FCCC/NC/12	Latvia
FCCC/NC/13	Slovak Republic
FCCC/NC/14	Monaco
FCCC/NC/15	Greece
FCCC/NC/16	Russian Federation

FCCC/NC/17	Estonia
FCCC/NC/18	Poland
FCCC/NC/19	Iceland

In-depth review reports and respective summaries, as follows:

FCCC/IDR.1(SUM)/AUS	Australia (Summary)
FCCC/IDR.1/AUS	Australia
FCCC/IDR.1(SUM)/CZE	Czech Republic (Summary)
FCCC/IDR.1/CZE	Czech Republic
FCCC/IDR.1(SUM)/NZL	New Zealand (Summary)
FCCC/IDR.1/NZL	New Zealand
FCCC/IDR.1(SUM)/SWE	Sweden (Summary)
FCCC/IDR.1/SWE	Sweden
FCCC/IDR.1(SUM)/CHE	Switzerland (Summary)
FCCC/IDR.1/CHE	Switzerland
FCCC/IDR.1(SUM)/USA	United States of America (Summary)
FCCC/IDR.1/USA	United States of America
FCCC/IDR.1(SUM)/CAN	Canada (Summary)
FCCC/IDR.1/CAN	Canada

General Assembly resolutions

50/113 of 20 December 1995	Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21
50/115 of 20 December 1995	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind
50/232 of 7 June 1996	Conference servicing to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change